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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Ik Soo KIM	)	Confirmation No.: 3727
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Application No.: 10/028,973	)	Group Art Unit: 2813
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Filed: December 28, 2001	)	Examiner: W. Vesperman
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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, the period for response to which extends through July 6, 2004 (next business day following Federal Holiday), Applicant elects the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, claims 1-9, for examination on the merits.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-17 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter for any one species would necessarily encompass a search of the subject matter of the remaining species. Further it is submitted that the total number of species is not an unreasonable number of species to examine. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be performed without serious burden. M.P.E.P. § 803 clearly states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes two distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and

expense to the Applicant and duplicative examination by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the election of species requirement and to examine all claims in this application.

**Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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